

CASE: 1153

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

11 February 1993

FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM CORRELATE TO REFNO 1153-0-02. PHOTOS ARE OF AN ANNOTATED ENVELOPE (ROLL 73/FRAME 20) AND AN I.D. CARD (ROLL 73/FRAME 21, 22 AND ROLL 200/FRAME 4). CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE ANNOTATED NAME, AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE OF LOSS AND THE ID CARD DATA. (REF 2)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 24 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1155	(ACCNO 6281)	Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MCKAIN, BOBBY LYN		Date Status assigned: 12 Jul 1968
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit \$
Service ARMY	Sex MALE	Blood type # #
Grade W2	Hair BROWN	Complexion #
SSAN DATA	Eyes BROWN	Weapon #
Serial No - DATA	Height 69 in /1.75 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date DATA	Weight 167 lb / 75.7 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State KANSAS	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXD722388  
Lat/Long: 163736N / 1063655E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: QUANG TRI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: HUONG HOA  
Mission Date: 3 May 1968  
Mission Category: 2  
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

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Investigations: Jun 93  
Surveys: Nov 89, Jun 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE  
Survivability: (5) In the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: AH1G	Serial: 15332
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T53
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: 66	2 Serial:

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REFNO: 1155 (ACCNO 6303) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 12 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade		Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	75 in / 1.91 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA	Weight	176 lb / 79.7 kg	Duty pos	COPilot
Home State		Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

3 April 1975

ON THE AFTERNOON OF 3 MAY 1968, AN AH1G HELICOPTER (BUNO 66-15332) DEPARTED LANDING ZONE SHARON WITH CW2 BOBBY L. MCKAIN AS PILOT, AND NAME THE AIRCRAFT WAS ON AN ARMED ESCORT MISSION FOR A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM OPERATING WEST OF KHE SANH, RVN. CW2 MCKAIN WAS FLYING WING POSITION TO CPT HARRY E. MCCLOUD, WEAPONS PLATOON LEADER. AT ABOUT 1405, (LOCAL TIME), CPT MCCLOUD RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XD 708 388. CW2 MCKAIN AND NAME WERE MAKING A FIRING PASS ON THAT GUN POSITION WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY 37MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND EXPLODED IN MID-AIR AT ABOUT 1500 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND.

THE TAIL BOOM AND ONE MAIN ROTOR BLADE SEPARATED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AS IT SPUN TO THE GROUND OUT OF CONTROL AND ON FIRE. THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) XD 685 382; SECONDS LATER THE AMMUNITION ABOARD DETONATED. LT WILLIAM H. DUNAVANT AND HIS WINGMAN, WO1 DAYLE A. KASNER (OTHER HELICOPTER PILOTS), IMMEDIATELY FLEW TO THE SCENE OF THE CRASH AND OBSERVED THAT THE MCKAIN-CHANEY AIRCRAFT WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES, WITH NO SIGNS OF LIFE. THEY WERE DRIVEN FROM THE SITE BY HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. NO GROUND SEARCH WAS MADE. ALL SEARCH AND OBSERVATION WAS DONE FROM THE AIR. (REF 1 & 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. CW2 MCKAIN AND NAME ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

3 April 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, HQ 1ST SQ, 9TH CAV 1ST CAV DIV 21 MAY 68. <2> MSG, CG, USARV LBN RVN 082152Z MAY 68. <3> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

15 February 1989

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER PERTAINING TO THIS CASE WAS PASSED DURING THE 26 - 28 JANUARY 1989 JCRC/LAO CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN VIENTIANE.

CASE: 1155                    === ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

3 April 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: BOBBY L. MCKAIN 1155                    *NAME*  
1155

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

11 August 1992

COUNTRY OF LOSS REALIGNED BASED ON JUNE 1992 ANALYTICAL REVIEW BY  
JTF-FA AND DIA POW/MIA AND APPROVED BY OSD AND THE SERVICE CASUALTY  
BRANCHES.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 3 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1155 AT TAN  
PHUOC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE TWO WITNESSES  
OBSERVED THE WRECKAGE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. HELICOPTER SEVERAL YEARS  
FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT. BOTH WITNESSES AGREED ON THE LOCATION OF THE  
ALLEGED CRASH SITE, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE DISPOSITION OF THE CREWMEMBERS OF THE AIRCRAFT. IE3 CONDUCTED SITE  
SURVEYS OF THE WITNESS LOCATION AND THE LOCATION ANNOTATED IN U.S. RECORDS  
AS THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE BUT WERE UNABLE TO RECOVER  
ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE AT EITHER LOCATION. IE3 VISITED THE HOMES OF  
THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF TAN PHUOC VILLAGE, RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHING  
SMALL AMOUNTS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. OVERALL, THERE IS A LACK OF  
CORRELATIVE DATA AND ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED.  
(REF 3)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1156-0-01 (ACCNO 0388)                    Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: AVERY, ROBERT DOUGLAS                    Date Status assigned: 4 Sep 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	093854	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	16 Dec 1941	Weight	192 lb / 87.0 kg	Duty pos	BMDR/NAV
Home State	NO. CAROLINA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXE678416  
Lat/Long: 173321N / 1063452E  
Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 4  
Mission Province: QUANG BINH  
(formerly):  
Mission District: BO TRACH  
Mission Date: 3 May 1968 0540L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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Folders Passed: Jul 92  
Investigations: Jan 89  
Surveys: Jan 89, Jun 92, Aug 93  
Excavations: Jun 92, Aug 92  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS  
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A6A	Serial: 154164
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: HILLBORN-18	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

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